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FREE Shelby County Preparedness Training



Photo Captions: Left: Excited March 7, 2015 CERT graduates, Right: Students learn bandaging during Medical

“As we thaw from last week’s winter storm, we are reminded that inclement weather events and many other disasters do occur here in Shelby County,” said Dale Lane, Director Shelby County Office of Preparedness. “It is vital that our citizens know what to do before, during, and after emergency situations - to have the skills, knowledge, and resources to survive until professional rescuers arrive on the scene. We invite all citizens to take our free disaster preparedness training, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and get prepared.”

Under the leadership of Eugene Jones, Coordinator, CERT is taught through lectures, videos, and hands-on exercises. Modules include: Preparedness, Terrorism, Triage and First-Aid, Psychology, Hazardous Materials, Fire Suppression, and Light Search and Rescue.

- **Dates:** Saturdays, April 18 and April 25, 2015, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Students must attend both full Saturdays to graduate.**
- **Pre-Registration:** Email Sandra Mathias, Reserve Manager, at mathiasl@bellsouth.net with name, email address, and cell phone number.
- Students under 18 years of age should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- **Location:** Office of Preparedness, 1075 Mullins Station, Building C, Memphis, TN 38134.
- **Certification:** Certification is good for 2 years. Graduates receive a CERT ID card, a CERT manual, and a Citizen Corps / Shelby County Office of Preparedness certificate.
- **Cost:** FREE!

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